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## United against sexual assault

### SUPPORT

**Groups join up to speak louder and work better**



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

A new network hopes to counter provincewide problems of sexual violence with better strategies and support. Jackie Stevens of the Avon Sexual Assault Centre in Halifax announced last week that their team and organizations across Nova Scotia — in areas like the Annapolis Valley and Cape Breton — have joined forces to better share information and come up with ideas to help those dealing with sexual violence.

"When issues arise, individ-

ual organizations are trying to respond on their own or it's left to one organization," Stevens said. "It's sometimes a lone voice."

Stevens said the idea came out of a proposal made to the former NDP government when they were planning a strategy to combat sexual assault.

They, however, weren't awarded one of the demonstration projects.

The Liberals are planning to roll out their own Provincial Sexual Assault Strategy.

Stevens said the network should provide better information and advice to the government by working as one unit.

Each organization has been doing the best it can to provide services in its area, train people and support other groups that start nearby. Yet a lack of funding and staff limits what they can do in day-to-day situations, like reaching

### + PROGRESS

Planning is still in the early stages and there's no money attached right now, but Stevens said they have been reaching out to many organizations to see what the network "could" develop into.

out to under-served, rural residents.

"The intent ... was to try to figure out ways in which we can work more effectively together across the province to address some of those gap areas and collaborate," Stevens said.

For example, one group working on a program could look to other areas to see if they've done something similar, so it's not "reinventing the wheel," Stevens said.



## Oh, how Swede it is

Sweden skip Niklas Edin reacts to a shot against Norway in the men's world curling championships gold-medal game at the Scotiabank Centre on Sunday. Sweden won 9-5 to claim the title. Canada settled for third. Story, page 16. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Brain drain still a concern

## EDUCATION

### Residents question plan to retain grads: Study

Nova Scotians are questioning the effectiveness of the provincial government's plan to retain post-secondary graduates, while a large majority is not aware of new programs aimed at keeping grads in the province, a study commissioned by the government says.

The study, conducted by Corporate Research Associates in May 2014, found that 63 per cent of the 400 people surveyed anticipated that new programs would only achieve moderate success at retaining graduates.

Respondents were asked to rate the anticipated effectiveness of the programs from one to 10, one being not at all effective and 10 being very effective. The survey said 18 per cent of people gave a score between one and three, while 19 per cent gave a score between eight and 10.

The survey, obtained by The Canadian Press through access to information legislation, said a large majority of people were not aware of a number of the government's new programs targeted at keeping postgraduates in the province.

Those include programs like modernizing the apprentice program, offering new graduate scholarships and expanding summer employment opportunities for students.

The study also said residents were not optimistic



A student walks past a sign at Dalhousie University in Halifax. A study commissioned by the Nova Scotia government found that efforts by the province to keep post-secondary graduates here has largely gone unnoticed. METRO FILE

about the employment opportunities for college and university graduates.

Advanced Education Minister Kelly Regan said the government is working to change the attitudes about employment opportunities and the government's programs, adding that they are achieving their intended goals.

"They're doing exactly what we want them to do," said Regan. "What we heard from young people was that they would stay in Nova Scotia if they had a job, so we have been focusing on that."

The province has registered

4,183

The Advanced Education Department said as of Dec. 31, 4,183 people were approved to pay zero interest on the provincial portion of their student loans.

1,115 new apprentices in the last year under the modernized apprenticeship program, bringing the total number of apprentices to 5,941, depart-

ment spokeswoman Chrissy Matheson said in an email.

Matheson said 95 apprentices have found employment in the province this year under a new government program that connects unemployed graduates or apprentices with jobs.

She said 418 Nova Scotians have found jobs under that same program this fiscal year.

Regan said the government has carried out extensive social media campaigns aimed at informing young people about their options.

She said that although there were people who did

not know about some of the province's new programs to retain graduates, most respondents knew about the province's plan to eliminate interest on student loans.

"That, I believe, is because we did a really good job on our social media campaign, because that's where young people are getting their information," said Regan.

The survey asked 400 Nova Scotia residents between the ages of 18 and 65 in May 2014 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points.

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## INVESTIGATION

### Retired firefighter dead after hit by car

A recently retired volunteer firefighter is dead and a child injured following a tragic series of events in North Sydney on the weekend.

The Cape Breton Regional police responded to a call about an injured two-year-old child who had fallen from a window at a Perry Street residence in North Sydney on Saturday afternoon.

As the ambulance arrived for the child, whose injuries police described as non-life-threatening, a police officer was reversing an unmarked vehicle and struck a 66-year-old man.

An Emergency Health Services crew responded to the scene to treat the man, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

North Sydney Volunteer Fire Department Chief Lloyd MacIntosh confirmed the dead man, whose name has not yet been released officially, was a former member of the department.

"It happened in front of his house," said MacIntosh.

"You can retire from a job or a service and you don't really leave it professionally. It happened in front of his house, so he was doing his best."

Since the incident resulted in a fatality following police involvement, Cape Breton Regional Police contacted the Serious Incident Response Team (SIRT), which is now conducting an investigation into the matter.

SIRT director Ronald MacDonald has issued a release asking any person who may have witnessed the incident to contact his team at 1-855-450-2010.

Under the Police Act, the SIRT director is required to file a public report summarizing the result of the investigation within three months after the probe is finished.

Access to Perry Street was blocked off for several hours on Saturday afternoon and evening as police remained on scene.

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## CRIME

### Attempted murder rap for man

A Halifax man is facing multiple charges, including attempted murder, in connection with a downtown stabbing early Friday.

Officers responded to reports a man had been stabbed near the 2100 block of Barrington Street around 5 a.m.

The victim was taken to hospital by paramedics and was treated for non-life-threatening

## IN JAIL

James Tracy has been remanded to the Central Nova Correctional Facility in Burnside and will next appear in court on May 7.

injuries.

On Saturday, police said

James Tracy, 36, was charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, assault with a weapon, and possession of a weapon.

According to a release, investigators from the patrol division, criminal investigation division and forensic identification section are handling the case.

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## FIRE

### Dog alerts family to burning house

A dog helped alert its seven family members to get out of a burning house Saturday night.

Jason MacLeod, of the Alma Fire Department, says crews were called to a house fire in Mount William, near New Glasgow, around 11:20 p.m. He says because of the barking dog, along with

the home's smoke detectors, everyone inside was able to escape safely.

The Canadian Red Cross says it is assisting a man, a woman and their five children with food, clothing and shelter after the fire. MacLeod says the dog also made it out of the burning home. THE CANADIAN PRESS





**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

The people have spoken: Halifax's best street is technically in Dartmouth.

Portland Street beat out four Halifax peninsula streets to take the title of best in the city, after thousands of votes came in through an online poll and on social media last week.

"What pulled it through was just the strong sense of community," Tim Rissesco of the Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission said Sunday. "A lot of people are rooting for Portland Street."

Rissesco said it was "exciting" to see that much support for Portland and downtown Dartmouth, but he's not surprised because the road is the best street "overall."

A pedestrian-friendly atmosphere with streetscaping, curb bump-outs and wide sidewalks, put together with a mix of decades-old stores and new independent businesses and more people flocking to the area, have all contributed to the revitalization of Portland, Rissesco said.

Stores like Kept, Sugar Shok, The Bike Pedaler, Vivacious Vixen Apparel and more draw people in rather than larger chains, Rissesco said, creating a shopping district "unlike anything else you'll find" in the region.

It's also easy to access from major bus routes and the Alderney Ferry, Rissesco said.

Rissesco said it's also an exciting time in urban greenspace for the Portland area since the Dartmouth Canal Greenway project is underway, where open waterways and green space are planned to wind through downtown Dartmouth between Lake Banook and the harbour.

Unlike some of the busier Halifax streets or waterfront, Rissesco said Portland is "off the path" enough it has still hung onto its authentic feel, where everyone supports one another.

"It's a little urban village by the harbour, and people are discovering it," he said.

## HALIFAX'S BEST STREET

# Positively Portland

We asked, you answered. With its wide sidewalks, harbour views and independent shops, Portland is city's best street.

### SPOKEFOLK BIKE PEDALER

For more than four years, the popular and locally owned cycling shop, The Bike Pedaler, has catered to those residents on two wheels. You can drop in to service your bike as the weather warms up, or look for a new ride to carry you along the rest of Portland.

### GIFT KEPT

One of Portland's most recent and popular additions to the street, Kept has been luring shoppers across the harbour since 2013 with funky and unique gifts and housewares for anyone on your list. Jewelry, dishes, paper goods and locally made crafts stock the shelves.

### GREEN FERRY PARK

At the foot of Portland Street, Alderney's Ferry Terminal Park provides green space, trees and wonderful views of the Halifax Harbour as well as a playground. Ferry users can relax in the public space on sunny days, or visit the World Peace Pavilion.



### DONAIR REVANA PIZZA

No trip to Portland Street is complete without a donair or slice of pizza from Revana's, which opened in 1975. This is one of the few spots in the city where, for 40 years, anyone has been able to count on cheesy, comforting food after a night at the pub.



### 7-10 FEET

Width of Portland Street sidewalks between Alderney Drive and Victoria Road.

### TWO VIEWS

## Why pick Portland?

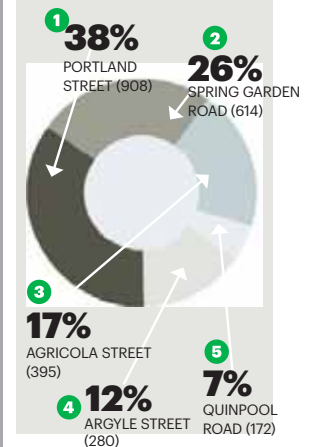
#### 1 Coun. Gloria McCluskey:

Clearly the best. A great window to the harbour as to come down toward the ferry. Several new exciting stores. Close proximity to King's Wharf. Many services available.

#### 2 Margo Grant:

Definitely an interesting street to walk. Plus it has awnings in a few spots. Plus they clear their sidewalks WAY faster than Halifax main drags do.

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FILM

## Trailer Park Boys speak for tax credit

With it being just days until Nova Scotia's spring budget is tabled, one film group, with the help of the Trailer Park Boys, is calling on the province to "stop releasing misleading information" about the potential axing of the film tax credit program.

Screen Nova Scotia, an industry body that represents workers in television, film and digital media, issued a release last week against reported statements made earlier by Finance Minister Diana Whalen that "99 per cent of companies that receive the film tax credit do not owe taxes in Nova Scotia."

The group called the notion a "gross distortion of how the program works."

"Tax credits contribute towards employing Nova Scotians on film, television and digital media projects. Every dollar goes towards creating jobs, and leveraging investment for more jobs. Film, TV and digital media companies do not simply pocket the money," the group's chair Marc Almon said in a statement.

It goes on to explain that film, digital media and television projects are managed by a "single-purpose company" for each particular production and — if all goes well — they break even. The group says these companies pay payroll taxes, HST and, when it comes to tax season, they file their returns, receive their tax credit and owe no corporate taxes.

According to the release, small production companies are owned by larger parent companies that pay regular corporate taxes.

The group says more than 50 recent documentaries, films and television projects have been completed using the tax credit, including *The Book of Negroes*, *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* and *Trailer Park Boys*.

The Trailer Park Boys released a short video encouraging people to contact the government and ask it to save the tax credit.

"Don't be mean. Don't be rude, swearing at them and stuff," Trailer Park Boys character Bubbles says in the video. "And maybe they'll listen. Maybe."

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# 'Death Café' wants to begin a conversation about the end

EVENTS

## Halifax meetup aims to help people dispel myths and fears

Madison Blanchard  
For Metro | Halifax

This story isn't dead, but you will be one day.

And that's OK, according to Deborah Luscomb, the founder of Halifax's first Death Café.

Luscomb decided to bring the Death Café to Halifax after helping to start one in Colorado a couple of months ago.

The idea was to create a place where people can discuss death in a more open way than normally possible — "to put the conversation on the table," Luscomb said.

Sheila Sperry, director of the Nova Scotia chapter of Dying With Dignity, said things can get very complicated if conversations aren't had before the big questions are forced to emerge.

"People don't like to think about dying," she said. "We're all immortal."

Sperry said that it can get messy if people avoid thinking about how they want to die and don't put it in writing.

She cites an example where a mother told one daughter she doesn't want to be left on life support, but she didn't write it down. When the time came, only one daughter knew and the other two children refused to take their mother off life support.

"It's not just the person



Deborah Luscomb, founder of the city's first Death Café, poses for a picture at the Trident Café last week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

dying, it's the family," Sperry said.

Death Cafés began in London and quickly spread to the rest of the world as places to discuss the different aspects of death, and to dispel myths and fears. There is no set agenda, said Luscomb; the conversation comes from those that arrive.

"We're not pushing anything except a conversation,"



**People have a choice. It's not you get to 65 and they take you out back and shoot you.**

Sheila Sperry, director of the Nova Scotia chapter of Die With Dignity

she said.

Luscomb said she thinks the conversation should be happening everywhere, especially because as members of

the baby boomer generation get older, they become catalysts for a change to the taboo against talking about death.

"Now that we've started

dying, somebody's kind of going, 'Something's wrong with this,'" she said.

The Death Café in Halifax had its first meeting on March 2, and 12 people attended with almost no advertising. Luscomb is hoping for more at the second meeting on Tuesday.

The Death Café meets the first Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Trident Café.

TRAFFIC

## Gridlock frustrates Bedford shoppers

If you were at Bedford Common on Saturday, chances are you spent much of it waiting in your vehicle.

It was traffic gridlock at the popular outdoor shopping area, with cars backed up in all directions in the late morning and for much of the afternoon.

Police say some drivers hadn't moved for more than hour, partly due to what was a busy shopping day, but also, it seemed, because only one lane was cleared of snow on the main road as

drivers left.

Several attempts were made by police to clear the area, including stopping all inbound traffic, which caused a large backup of drivers trying to get in.

"In the end, officers spent several hours in the area and traffic was so heavy attempting to get into the area that it was gridlocked," a release from Halifax Regional Police stated.

All in all, it was a frustrating shopping experience for everyone. PHILIP CROUCHER/METRO

DARTMOUTH

## Bonnie Raitt, James Cotton to welcome fest back to its roots

It seems the rumours are true.

After eight years, the Dutch Mason Blues Festival will be celebrating its 11th anniversary at various venues across Dartmouth from Aug. 7 to 9.

That's good news for fans of harmonica player James Cotton and 10-time Grammy-winner Bonnie Raitt, who will be headlining the festival at the Dartmouth Sportsplex on Aug. 8.

The Truro Raceway and Exhibition Grounds have been the festival's home since 2006, but

organizer David DeWolfe said the decision to bring the event back to its Dartmouth roots came down to weather and disagreements with the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission.

"I am excited to host the event in Dartmouth even though my heart and vision are in Truro, but I have to keep the festival going and keep it alive," DeWolfe said.

A full list of performers will be released in the coming weeks and ticket sales begin April 9.

ERNESTO CARRANZA/FOR METRO



Bonnie Raitt will headline the Dutch Mason Blues Festival in Dartmouth. CONTRIBUTED



# Morning fire torches building

## BIBLE HILL

## Pizza business, adjoining living spaces destroyed

"Did everyone get out safe?"

Those were the words that Greg Reddick asked Colchester RCMP Const. Dal Hutchinson as he sat in the police cruiser to keep an eye on what used to be H&N Pizza & Donair.

The Main Street business was destroyed by a fire early Sunday morning.

"When it went up, it went up good," said Reddick, who has lived next door to the small business for close to 10 years. "I had heard a bang, and then my dog was going berserk. There was a man and a woman running up and down the street and I looked out my back door," to see the fire.

It was around 1:30 a.m. Sunday when a passerby called 911 about the raging fire. Members of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade called in mutual aid from Truro, North River, Valley-Kemptown and Salmon River.

"I opened my back door to look out, and the front of the building was just up in flames," said Reddick, who said he's been a customer at the store off and on over the years.

The building also had an adjoining living space where it's believed the owner, Nian Khalek, lived with his part-



The aftermath of the blaze that left three people homeless after the fire at H&N Pizza & Donair in Bible Hill was extinguished early Sunday morning. Inset: H&N Pizza & Donair had been completely engulfed by flames. TRURO DAILY NEWS, INSET: CONTRIBUTED

ner, as well as an additional apartment in the basement.

No one was home at the time of the fire, but the owner has since been notified. It's also believed the owner has insurance.



**I opened my back door to look out, and the front of the building was just up in flames.**

Greg Reddick

## + RECOVERY

### Apartment tenant finds refuge with relatives

Dan Bedell, the Atlantic communications director for the Canadian Red Cross, said the tenant of the apartment building is staying with relatives now, and aid will be offered if needed.

"A tenant had already been taken to a relative's house and the owners, as I understand it, were in Halifax for the weekend," he said.

gone to determine where or how the fire started," he said.

Because of the severity of the destruction to the building, MacDonald isn't sure if the provincial fire marshal will be called in to investigate the cause.

Throughout the morning, after firefighters had packed up and left the scene, motorists were slowly driving by to look at the aftermath, with many pulling over across the street to take some pictures.

A scorched donation box for the Canadian Diabetes Association was on its side near the front corner of the property, and freezing overnight temperatures caused water used to fight the fire to turn into ice, making for slippery sidewalks.

Ice covered the parking lot at a car wash next door, and residents on Windsor Avenue also had a slippery drive.

TRURO DAILY NEWS



Scott MacDonald, the deputy chief of the Bible Hill Fire Brigade, said firefighters were on scene until approximately 9 a.m. Sunday and that the cause hasn't been determined. "The building is too far

## NOTICE

### Registration of Undertaking for Environmental Assessment ENVIRONMENT ACT

This is to advise that on April 6, 2015, Watts Wind 4 LP registered the Harrietsfield Williamswood Wind Farm Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking is to develop three wind turbines to generate up to 4.8 megawatts on private lands. This community owned Harrietsfield Williamswood Wind Project is located in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), approximately 3.0 km southeast of Harrietsfield and 2.5 km northeast of Williamswood. Construction is scheduled to begin mid 2015, with commissioning occurring early 2016.

Copies of the environmental assessment registration information may be examined at the following locations:

Captain William Spry Public Library, 16 Sussex St., Halifax, NS  
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Nova Scotia Environment, 30 Damascus Road, Suite 115 Bedford Commons, Bedford, NS  
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on or before May 6, 2015 or contact the department at (902) 424-3600, (902) 424-6925 (Fax), or e-mail at [EA@novascotia.ca](mailto:EA@novascotia.ca).

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## ANIMAL RESCUE

## Owners shut down reptile zoo in face of financial challenges

It was a sombre day for owners Lindsay Giles and Mike MacDonald as they announced the closure of the Maritime Reptile Zoo on social media late last week.

Giles said the facility, which opened its doors five years ago on Akerley Boulevard in Dartmouth, held around 100 different species of reptiles, most of which were rescued as illegally owned pets from across the province.

In fact, theirs was the only centre east of Quebec that rescued exotic pets, she added.

For example, she said one of their Nile crocodiles came from a man in Amherst who attempted to illegally keep the animal as a pet before he was caught.

"The closure is a financial



Young spectacled caimans are pictured above. METRO FILE

decision," Giles said of the zoo in an interview.

"Business is usually slow in the winter but this winter has been really hard for us. Last summer we tried fundraising and asked for help on Facebook, but it wasn't enough."

She said she and her husband made the decision to close last Monday before publicly

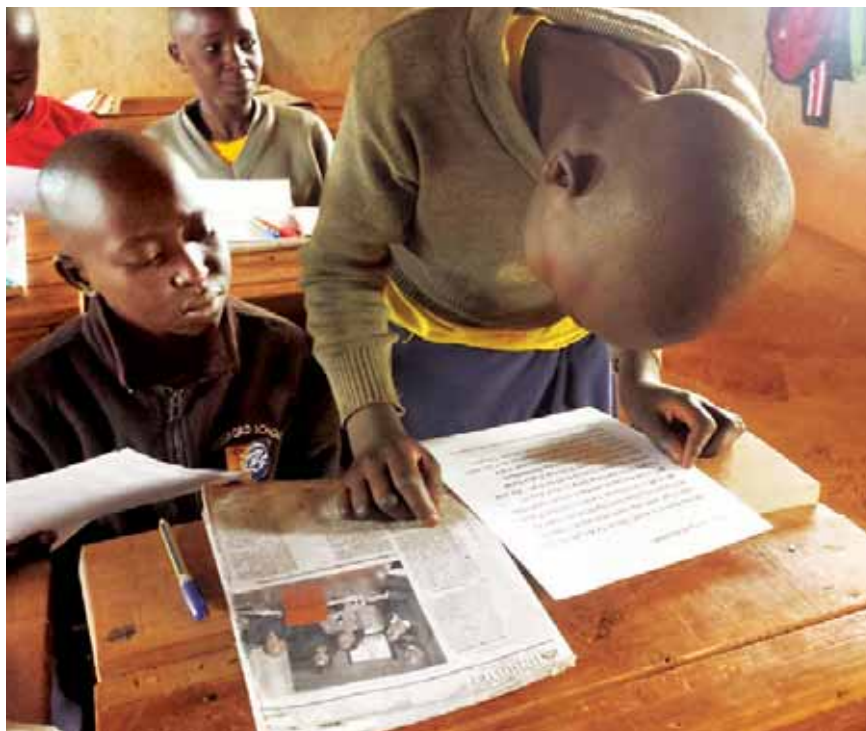
announcing it on Facebook Thursday.

All of their larger reptiles, such as a 19-foot reticulated python and several crocodiles, are being personally delivered to various zoos across Ontario by MacDonald. They will keep some of their smaller reptiles and continue hosting programs at schools and children's birthday parties in order to educate and expand children's knowledge about reptiles.

Both she and her husband loved reptiles as children, then later met through the reptile community and have "been together ever since." But with the zoo closed, she's unsure what the next chapter of their future holds. ERNESTO CARRANZA/ FOR METRO



# Making pals across the ocean



These children, seen reviewing documents in their schoolhouse in Kenya, are among students who have started pen-pal friendships with Halifax elementary school kids. CONTRIBUTED

## LEARNING

### Skype session connects city kids with African school

Jennifer Taplin  
Metro | Halifax

It's impossible to say who was more excited by a recent Skype session, the kids in a Halifax classroom or those in a dirt-floor school house in Kenya.

Paulette O'Connor's Grade 5/6 class at St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay school in Halifax has a unique pen-pal relationship with children in Mosoriot, Kenya.

It all started earlier this month with fellow teacher Laura King, whose husband was journeying to Kenya to help with the Rift Valley Marathon and to offer his expertise with water systems.

King had the idea of sending letters from her students with her husband on his journey. He delivered the letters to the de-

lighted Kenyan schoolchildren. With the help of some other Canadians in the area for a marathon, he rigged up a Skype session earlier this month. It wasn't easy, considering the school doesn't have electricity.

"It wasn't their school hour when we were Skyping with them, so they all came running in. They were smiling and happy to see new people," said 10-year-old Ella Collins.

"They said they only have the rainy season and the sunny season, so like spring and summer and they wanted to play in snow to see what it was like."

Ella noted that the Kenyan kids' classroom consisted of tables, chairs, and a chalkboard. She was amazed to discover that everything they learn must "go in their brain" and not on to paper.

Other students at the Halifax school, including O'Connor's, were invited in on the Skype session. The teacher thinks they gained a deeper appreciation for what they have.

"For me, it was an eye-opening experience to let the kids live in a moment in another country and that was pretty

## + CURRICULUM

### Other educators interested in idea

This experience also happens to hit on several curriculum outcomes like learning about other cultures and literacy, teacher Paulette O'Connor said. She noted that as soon as she posted about the experience on Facebook, 15 fellow teachers responded to say they were interested in trying something similar.

much what they did by talking to these kids," she said.

"Every single kid (in Kenya) on Skype was smiling, happy and it made every kid in the class smile and be happy."

Hailie Barton, 12, said she could really feel the energy over the Skype connection.

"It wasn't something I was expecting to do in my life, so it was a pretty surprising thing," Hailie said, adding she'd love to visit Kenya one day to see the school in person.

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# CIA employees tried to stop arrest, torture of Canadian man: Ex-spy

**Whistleblower says colleagues were sure Maher Arar was innocent**

A former spy has described the debate within the CIA over the arrest, rendition and torture of Canadian Maher Arar, saying multiple colleagues warned against it because they were convinced they were punishing an innocent man.

The account from former CIA officer John Kiriakou sheds new light on decade-old events that caused a public inquiry in Canada, a \$10-million payout from the federal government, and unsuccessful lawsuits in the U.S.

It's a rare peek into discussions within the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency — whose role in the 2002-03 events has never been publicly examined, having remained off-limits in Canada's inquiry.

It came during an interview at the former spy's Virginia home, where he described how he went from being the head of counterterrorism operations in Pakistan after 9/11, to becoming the first CIA employee to publicly question the use of torture, to eventually spending two years in jail for leaking agency secrets.

During that interview, Kiriakou declined to discuss whether he had interacted with Canada's spy services — because, he said, revealing details about a foreign partner remains a cardinal sin in the world of espionage.

**+ CIA**

## Whistleblower jailed

Kiriakou just spent two years in prison for leaking agent details to the media — though he insists the government punished him for blowing the whistle on torture.



**Maher Arar listens to a question at a news conference in Ottawa on Dec. 12, 2006. Arar, a Syrian-born Canadian, was detained in New York in September 2002 and shipped overseas — winding up in a dungeon-like Damascus prison cell.** TOM HANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

kou declined to discuss whether he had interacted with Canada's spy services — because, he said, revealing details about a foreign partner remains a cardinal sin in the world of espionage.

But he added: "We can talk about Maher Arar."

Kiriakou expressed disgust with his country's role in sending the engineer to be tortured in his native Syria, and with its continuing failure to issue an apology like Canada has.

He described a dynamic within the agency in which one mid-to-high-level officer ignored repeated objections from her subordinates, and insisted on



**It's not too late for accountability here. It would be nice, at least, to do some naming and shaming.**

Maria LaHood, Maher Arar's U.S. lawyer

pushing ahead.

"I can tell you that a lot of people inside the CIA objected to this," Kiriakou said.

"(They said), 'This is the wrong guy. He hasn't done anything.'"

Arar was grabbed during a New York airport layover and flown to a notorious Syrian prison.

He has described a year-long ordeal that included being beaten and stuffed into a body-sized

above branch chief, was determined to make the arrest.

"I remember hearing some of the conversations — that, 'This is the wrong guy, this is a mistake.' And then one officer in particular (was) saying, 'No, this is not the wrong guy. We're going to take him.'"

"She was certain that we had the right guy. That Maher Arar was an al-Qaida whatever-he-was — a facilitator, or whatever — and we were moving forward with it."

He wouldn't identify the officer.

Kiriakou referred only vaguely to her general status within the agency. He also made a fleeting reference to a Hollywood hit: "As you may have seen in the movie Zero Dark Thirty, there were certain people inside the CIA who insisted on pushing forward."

He refused to say whether she was the officer who inspired that movie's main character — who was named in some media reports, and was linked in the Senate's torture study to the wrongful rendition of another innocent man, Khaled el-Masri.

The CIA declined to comment for this story. So did Arar, although his U.S. lawyer says it's about time these details emerged.

"Nothing has ever come out here about the CIA involvement," said Maria LaHood. "He's never received an apology from the United States ... His name continues to be smeared. As far as we know, he's still on a watch list."

Another advocate for Arar said the same is true for Canada.

Canadians who passed on information to the CIA continued law-enforcement careers and got promotions, said Kerry Pither, who wrote a book about the rendition of Arar and three other Canadians. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CSIS

## Forum created on 'terrorist travel'

The Canadian Security Intelligence Service has set up a "multilateral forum of trusted partners" to share information on suspected extremists travelling abroad — a group that extends beyond its customary Five Eyes spy network, a newly released memo says.

In the memo — CSIS Response: Addressing the Terrorist Travel Threat — Canada's spy agency also flags a concern about the challenges it faces in going further to build relationships with "non-traditional partners."

The September CSIS memo evokes the kind of information-sharing that led to the overseas torture of four Arab-Canadians following the 9/11 attacks, said Alex Neve, secretary general of Amnesty International Canada.

"The very term 'terrorist travel' is uncertain and loaded," Neve said. "Who, exactly, would be covered?"

The memo was drafted before a jihadi-inspired gunman fatally shot a soldier at the National War Memorial and stormed Parliament Hill last October. Those events prompted introduction of sweeping new security legislation to crack down on home-grown extremists, including those intent on heading abroad to join foreign battles. The government brought in a bill to give CSIS more latitude to obtain a court-ordered warrant authorizing security investigations in other countries. CSIS fears extremists who head to Syria or Iraq may return to wage attacks.

The traveller phenomenon is a "priority collection" requirement for the spy service, the memo says.

A heavily censored copy of the five-page, top-secret memo was obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**GERMANWINGS CRASH**

## Profile of co-pilot gets more troubling

The profile that has emerged of Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz has become more troubling by the day.

In the hours after Flight 9525 crashed in the French Alps two weeks ago, Lubitz was regarded as one of 150 victims in an unexplained disaster. Two days later he was the prime suspect of an unfathomable act.

By now, French and German prosecutors have little doubt that the 27-year-old intentionally slammed the Airbus A320 into a mountain, killing everyone on board, and there is growing evidence that his actions weren't just a split-second decision but the result of days of planning.

The revelations have raised questions about who knew what, when, and whether Lubitz could have been stopped.

Investigators have pieced together a picture of Lubitz by analyzing the voice and flight data recorders found at the crash site, searching his homes in Dueseldorf and Montabaur, and by interviewing friends, relatives, colleagues and doctors.

Medical records show that



**Andreas Lubitz.**  
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before he received his pilot's licence, Lubitz suffered from depression, with doctors recording "suicidal tendencies." It forced him to take a break of several months from his pilot training.

In the months before the crash, Lubitz sought help from several doctors, including specialists at Dueseldorf's University Hospital. In the week leading up to the crash, Lubitz spent time online researching suicide methods and cockpit door security.

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**MANCHESTER, U.K.**

## Boy, 14, girl, 16, face terrorism charges

British police say a teenage boy and girl have been arrested on suspicion of preparing terrorist acts.

Greater Manchester Police said Sunday a 14-year-old boy and 16-year-old girl have been arrested following two separate police raids that took place Thursday and Friday. Police say they had warrants for both searches.

The two teens have not been named and both have been freed on bail until a May 28 court hearing.

The number of terrorism-related arrests in Britain has surged in recent months as an increasing number of Britons try to travel to Syria to link up with ISIS extremists there.

Separately, police are questioning six people arrested earlier Friday in the port city of Dover, which has extensive ferry service linking England to France.

Five men and one woman in their 20s were arrested in a departure lounge there Friday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**Christian women and children are scanned with a metal detector and have their bags searched to prevent against possible attacks as they enter the compound of the Our Lady of Consolation Church, which was attacked with grenades by militants almost three years ago, in Garissa, Kenya Sunday.** BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Gunman in Kenyan attack was official's son

**EXTREMISM**

## Chief had reported his son missing last year

One of the gunmen who slaughtered 148 people at a college in Kenya was identified Sunday as the law-school-educated son of a Kenyan government official, underscoring the inroads Islamic extremists have made in recruiting young people to carry out attacks against their own country.

Abdirahim Mohammed Abdul-

lahi, who was killed by security forces Thursday along with the three other militants who stormed Garissa University College, was the son of a government chief in Mandera County, which borders Somalia, Interior Ministry spokesman Mwenda Njoka told The Associated Press.

The chief had reported his son missing last year and feared he had gone to Somalia, Njoka said.

Somalia's al-Shabab militant group claimed responsibility for the bloodbath, saying it was retribution for Kenya's sending of troops to Somalia to fight the extremists.

The attackers separated Christian students from Muslim ones

and massacred the Christians.

The news that one of the gunmen was Kenyan highlights the challenges faced by the government in preventing terrorist attacks. The danger comes not only from neighbouring Somalia but also from within Kenya.

Kenyans make up the largest number of foreign fighters in al-Shabab, according to experts. Hundreds of Kenyan youths have trained with al-Shabab and then returned to Kenya, posing a major security threat, according to former police chief Mathew Iteere.

Kenya's government has said another source of instability is the country's refugee camps,

with more than 423,000 Somali refugees.

Abdullahi graduated from the University of Nairobi with a law degree in 2013 and was seen as a "brilliant upcoming lawyer," according to Njoka.

Njoka said it is important for parents to inform authorities if their children disappear or seem to be embracing extremism.

Meanwhile, questions have been raised about the security response to the Garissa attack.

Police waited seven hours before sending a special tactical unit into the college to fight the gunmen, Kenya's Daily Nation newspaper reported Sunday.

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**U.S. SURVEY**

## More whites approve use of police force

Whites in the United States approve of police officers hitting people in far greater numbers than blacks and Hispanics do, a striking difference at a time when the U.S. is struggling to deal with police use of deadly force against minorities, according to a major American trend survey.

Seven of 10 whites polled, or 70 per cent, said they can imagine a situation in which they would approve of a police officer striking an adult male citizen, according to the 2014 General Social Survey, a long-running

measurement of trends in American opinions. When asked the same question, just 42 per cent of blacks and 38 per cent of Hispanics said they could.

These results come as Americans grapple with trust between law enforcement and minority communities after a series of incidents, including the deaths of unarmed black men in Ferguson, Missouri, and New York City. Thousands of people protested in the streets last year after the deaths of 18-year-old Michael Brown and 43-year-old Eric Garner, who gasped "I can't

breathe" as police arrested him for allegedly selling loose, untaxed cigarettes.

The survey shows the gap between whites, blacks and Hispanics long predates those deaths.

The poll results don't surprise experts on American attitudes toward police, who say experiences and history with law enforcement shape opinions about the use of violence by officers.

"Whites are significantly more likely to give police officers the benefit of the doubt, either because they have never had an altercation with a police offi-

cer or because they tend to see the police as allies in the fight against crime," said Ronald Weitzer, a George Washington University sociology professor who has studied race and policing in the U.S. and internationally.

However, blacks and Hispanics "are more cautious on this issue because of their personal experiences and/or the historical treatment their groups have experienced at the hands of the police, which is only recapitulated in recent disputed killings," he said.

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**TOP SIX @ 6** Weeknights at 6 Kat counts down the HOTTEST songs of the day

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# Uber hopes to make peace

## TRANSPORTATION

### To grow here, ride-sharing firm must mend fences

The strong-arm tactics that some Canadian cities have been using against virtual ride-hailing company Uber have prompted the organization to try to mend fences with local officials even as it maintains hope for further expansion.

Municipal governments across Canada have launched everything from political salvos to court injunctions against the San Francisco-based tech giant in a bid to keep Uber's fleet of both licensed and unlicensed vehicles off city streets.

While Toronto Mayor John Tory has publicly defended Uber, saying such companies are here to stay, a recent blitz by a lone city police officer saw 11 charges laid against UberX drivers in a single weekend.

Uber's opponents have succeeded occasionally. While the company maintains a presence in Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa,



The tactics some Canadian cities have been using against Uber have prompted the company to try to be more collaborative with local officials. ERIC RISBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montreal, Quebec City and Halifax, it was forced to shut up shop after brief efforts in Vancouver and Calgary.

Uber says there's an effort afoot to cool tensions with the cities it serves before it pursues new locations.

"Uber wants to be everywhere and we are constantly

evaluating new opportunities," said Jeff Weshler, Uber Canada's general manager for regional expansion.

Uber has faced varying levels of resistance in nearly every Canadian city where it has operated, even as it has won plaudits for its innovative business model.

Municipal officials from Vancouver to Halifax have accused the company of operating illegally at best and endangering the lives of passengers at worst.

Chris MacDonald, professor of Business Ethics at Ryerson University, said there's no doubt the model has caught on in the 300 cities worldwide

where Uber currently operates.

Uber has set itself apart from its many competitors as a leader in this field, he said, adding the company is clearly filling a genuine need in the market.

But its practice of antagonizing governments by flouting regulations does not mean the company is blazing a trail to future prosperity, he said.

"They're going to need, in the long run, to keep a pretty broad range of stakeholders happy," he said. "Eventually they've got to kind of make peace."

Weshler says the bans and criticisms that have dogged the company are par for the course for an organization that's trying to revamp a long-established system, adding Uber has no plans to shy away from its opponents.

Weshler said he hopes Uber's relationships with Canadian cities take a more collaborative turn, saying that negotiation is the best way to achieve mutual goals.

"Ultimately we're all committed to the same vision of a safe and reliable way for people to get around."

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## IN BRIEF

### DNA doggy-do tests nail owners who don't scoop

Frustrated with dog owners who refuse to clean up after their pets, an increasing number of apartments in Seattle are opting to use DNA testing to identify the culprits. The Seattle Times reports that a company called BioPet Vet Lab from Knoxville, Tenn., is providing its PooPrints testing kits to 26 apartment and condo complexes and homeowners associations in the region. Since February 2014, tenants have been paying a "one-time fee of \$29.95 US for DNA testing." Tenants allow their pet's DNA to be collected through swabs so it can be matched to offending poop when the poop is left behind. BioPet says in the past five years, the DNA test has been used in nearly 1,000 places around the U.S., and it's especially popular in Miami, Dallas, Los Angeles and other large cities.

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### Marijuana trimmers eye careers in pot industry

Washington's marijuana business has created a legal occupation that offers career opportunities for bud trimmers. Bud trimmers make \$12 to \$15 US an hour trimming leaves and other things from marijuana buds. Most work on up to a pound and a half of marijuana per day. Experienced workers can move up to positions as gardeners or concentrate makers, and earn \$50,000 to \$90,000 a year. Before the legalization of marijuana, bud trimmers migrated from job to job and were paid in cash and risked arrest. Now, they typically make an hourly wage.

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### U.S. farmers bet on hemp as a new cash crop

Once banned because it is a close cousin to marijuana, hemp is coming back in the state of Colorado and now has its own convention, attracting international interest as a new crop for farmers struggling to find new crops to stay afloat. Hemp, which is fibre drawn from marijuana plants, was outlawed in 1937, but a new Colorado law allows it. The expo, featuring 70 companies and organization, is focusing on industrial hemp.

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## TOURISM

### Indiana tries PR to fix damaged image

Indiana tourism agencies are rolling out campaigns emphasizing that everyone is welcome, but they may not be enough to quickly restore the state's battered image after a backlash over its religious objections law.

Fears that the law would allow discrimination against gays and lesbians led convention organizers and performers to cancel events and some state and local governments to ban travel to the state last week.

Business leaders say public relations campaigns may not be enough to immediately restore the state's damaged reputation.

Gov. Mike Pence approved changes to the law to make clear it can't be used to discriminate, although some economic impact has been felt already.

The convention and tourism industry has been the hardest hit with at least two conventions cancelled in Indianapolis.

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In this March 25 photo, a window sticker in downtown Indianapolis promises service to all in opposition to Indiana's new religious objections law. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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### Preschool Mastermind: You can't buy your way into a creative community

There is something both appealing and repulsive about a new preschool in New York.

It's so New Age, so millennial: the (possibly world's first) preschool for adults.

Preschool Mastermind wants to bring the magic back into your thirty-something life. You can pay on a sliding scale of \$333, \$444, \$555, all the way up to \$999, for five classes of fingerpainting, make-believe, Play-Doh, naptime and snack time.

And maybe you want to. Other people are. One video shows a class singing songs and dressing up.

You know, like we used to. Before we grew up.

Maybe this preschool is the "worst, saddest thing," and "makes you lose faith in humanity," as one friend told me.

My gut reaction was to call the preschool an extreme example of my generation's petulant refusal to grow the hell up. Why else would people pay hundreds of dollars to go to Miss Joni's Brooklyn house and pretend like the last 25 years never happened?

But I actually agree with at least one thing that some of those adult preschoolers have told media: The world can seem a rather oppressively serious place.

Creativity is often valued for its products, not for itself. I can't be the only one who

feels like productivity is the sole sign of a good day. And that's sad.

At Miss Joni's, you "inject play, wonder, self-belief, and community" into your "grown-up" life, the website says.

"People come here and get in touch with their inner child. It's magical," Miss Joni has told media.

I get the need for more magic. It reminds me of the old margarine commercial with the Young at Heart song, which even as a child, I understood to be true. No one is too old to fingerpaint.

But paying someone with half a degree in early childhood education to take you back to preschool is surely one of the most self-indulgent, narcissistic ways to seek magic in the world.

You can't buy your way into a creative community, as this class pretends. You have to seek it with other people, in your actual life.

And if cultivating that child-like view is what you're after, the answer isn't to try and regress to your own childhood. The answer is to go spend some time with actual children. Our cities are full of kids' charities that could no doubt use the help.

Isolating yourself in that farce of preschool is actually an affront to the magic that waits for you every morning. Go out in the world. Because you can't go back in time.



## # MYMETRO

### Matthew Gray's Metro

Matthew Gray, who moved to Halifax from England almost two years ago, was reading Metro last week at Scotia Square mall.

Gray is direct, and says he likes reading Metro because of the price — it's free.

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# The line between public and financial interest

## HALIFAX MATTERS

Stephen Kimber



At what point does lawyerly risk-taking in the public interest become crass ambulance-chasing?

Before we consider today's case — personal injury law firms hovering over last week's late-night crash landing of Air Canada Flight 624 — let's layer in some context.

In 2013, the Halifax law firm McInnes Cooper won an \$887-million class action lawsuit on behalf of disabled veterans and their families.

For 30 years, successive federal governments had clawed back their benefits. The law firm took on Ottawa's bottomless pockets. Its lawyers rang up 8,500 potentially unbillable

hours — \$3.2 million — over six years to hold the government to account.

They won, and were rewarded for their effort.

But they could as easily have lost it all.

So, too, with Wagners, another Halifax law firm: It spent 16 years fighting provincial governments for compensation for hundreds of physically and sexually abused children at the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.

Besides providing "total free" legal services during those years, the firm spent \$500,000 to pursue the case. Its lawyers eventually won \$34 million in settlements for the victims and were awarded \$5.78 million in legal fees.

Those cases would never have been heard — and justice done for powerless victims — if those law firms hadn't taken a risk.

How does that compare to Flight 624?

Well, Air Canada has already ponied up \$5,000 to each of the 133 passengers for their inconvenience. Everyone understands that is both proactive PR and an opening gambit.

**The airline will inevitably pay more. How much is the question.**

The airline will inevitably pay more; how much is the question. The answer will be determined, in part, by the success of now competing law firms eager to represent the passengers.

Those firms are "eager" because this is a win-win. The airline will settle,

likely out of court. The law firm will get a good payday.

But do such cases — and settlements — serve the public interest? Or simply make us a more needlessly litigious society?

Ray Wagner, whose Wagners law firm also wants to represent Flight 624 passengers, insists such lawsuits force public safety improvements.

I doubt that. Change will be spurred, as usual, by the results of the ongoing Transportation Safety Board investigation.

All the rest is about money.

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## The best dollar-store gadgets

Just because you're tight on cash doesn't mean you can't afford some great gadgets. Your local dollar store has a tech section, believe it or not, and you'll be pleasantly surprised at what you can buy with loose change. The following are a few bargains found at Dollarama, Dollar Tree, Family Dollar and 99¢ Depot.

**Marc Saltzman** FOR METRO CANADA

### BRIGHT IDEA

#### Folding Booklight

Tablets benefit from a backlit screen, but this isn't the case with most ebook readers and, of course, paper books. Don't bother your partner in bed with a night-table lamp when you can pick up the Circuit Electronics LED Folding Booklight for just \$1. Clamp the reading light onto your ebook reader or book, press the open button along the side and a retractable arm, with bright LED light, slowly extends to its full height. Three small watch batteries are required, but included.



### PURSE PALS

#### Rechargeable Audio Speaker

It's rewarding enough to find a \$2 speaker for your favourite music player, smartphone or tablet — but the aptly named Hype Audio Rechargeable Compact Speaker cleverly doubles as a small mirror to apply makeup. While not wireless, it includes a custom two-foot cable that plugs into the music source (via a 3.5-millimetre mini jack), plus it has an integrated USB connector to power up the rechargeable speaker.



### SOUND ADVICE

#### Stereo Earbuds

Commuters don't need to spend upwards of \$300 on a pair of Bose- or Beats-branded earbuds. Instead, the Electra Stereo Earbuds with Microphone, for a mere \$2.50, sound better than you might think — plus they block out ambient noise. Along with a microphone on the cable for taking calls — and a three-button remote for volume, pausing and skipping between tracks — the cord of these stereo earbuds has a "flat-wire" style, which looks nicer and doesn't knot up as easily.



### REMOTE POSSIBILITIES

#### 4-in-1 Remote

Look down at your coffee table. If you have more remotes than family members, you have a problem. Clear the clutter on the cheap with the \$2 RCA 4-in-1 Remote, which lets you control up to four home theatre components — such as a television, cable box, DVD player, and more. The wireless remote is easy to program and offers backlit buttons, volume and media control (e.g. Play, Pause, Forward and Back).



### POWER PLAY

#### USB Car Socket Charger

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## When saving, you've got to stick to your guns

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One of the things I'm most proud of when it comes to my TV shows is the fact that folks are more comfortable talking about their money. While I've always been open about money — my money and money in general — other people have been really resistant to sharing their financial stories. That's changed. The brave families I've worked with on TV have

helped people see that talking about money is one of the first steps to making change stick.

But we're still not open books. Perhaps it's because we think our money, and the stuff we buy with it, says something about who we are. We're happy to play the guessing game that comes with wearing brand names and living large so people are convinced we're doing great. If we all wore flashing signs on our backs declaring our debt, would we still be so smug showing off our new and shiny?

Determined to change how you deal with your money? Step 1 is to lay a plan for what you'll do differently. Step 2 is way harder: Time to 'fess up to friends and family about what's been going wrong and how you're going to fix it.

Maybe you can't go out to eat a couple of times a week if you're determined to save a down payment.

Maybe not knowing what you're spending on entertainment isn't getting you any closer to being ready for a new baby.

Maybe those new clothes, new movies, new tchotchkes for the house aren't actually making you happy.

Deciding what you're going to focus on, taking charge of your money and doing the detail will produce a happier outcome than just doing what you've always done.

You're not the only one that's going to have to get used to your new priorities. If you've always been the go-to girl for partying or if you've been the guy who buys a round for the table, that's

going to change. And you need to tell people what's changing if you want to have any hope of sticking with a new program.

I'm all for getting together with friends for a lovely meal in a wonderful restaurant. Or maybe you just want to treat the kids to fish and chips, pizza or chicken nuggets and fries on a Friday night. Hey, it's your money and you get to do whatever you want with it. But if your new plan severely restricts your eating out, you're going to have to tell your peeps.

If you have friends who are unwilling to accept your new priorities, you'll have to manage those friendships so that you're not tempted to swap your good intentions for good feelings. You won't be successful at breaking a shopping habit if you're always hanging out with the chick or dude who loves to shop. Find something else to do together. See a movie, take up an activity you can share, start a project you're both interested in.

Don't hide your decision to become smart with your money.



IN BRIEF

**George RR Martin releases chapter from new book**

Yes, George RR Martin really is working on that next book. The Game of Thrones author released a chapter last week from his long-awaited sixth volume of the Song of Fire and Ice fantasy series, The Winds of Winter. The chapter appears on Martin's website and is told from the perspective of Sansa Stark, living under the name Alayne Stone. She is played on the HBO adaptation by Sophie Turner (pictured).

Martin has already cut back on personal appearances and decided against writing for the sixth season so he can concentrate on The Winds of Winter.

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# A scene best enjoyed at home

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**Repeat after me: Too sexy for his shirt? Too sexy for public transit**

Ellen Vanstone



**Dear Ellen,**  
This morning's subway commute was standing-room only. A guy near me was sitting next to a child and watching something very fleshy on his iPad. I am sure it wasn't porn, maybe Game of Thrones or Looking. I know people like to binge watch, but is the subway the place to catch up on shows like these?  
Amber in Toronto

Dear Amber,  
Judging by your first name — a major porn-star moniker since the '80s and still the fourth most popular according to the Interactive Adult



Seeing Game Of Thrones hunk Michiel Huisman stripping off was a highlight of last season.

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Film Database — I'm going to assume you know where of you speak when it comes to what constitutes onscreen erotica. In fact, if I may be so presumptuous, the idea of an old porn star watching new porn stars over the shoulder of porn-consuming commuters is downright charming — the kind of flagrantly tawdry

spectacle that makes your city truly world-class, if not classy.

But is such inadvertently shared content suitable for children? No, Amber, it is unequivocally not. If we want our kids to learn the ins and outs of sexual practices in all their anatomical, permissive permutations, surely the little wretches can get it at school

— in Ontario, for example, Premier Kathleen Wynne's new sex education curriculum will provide no end of fodder for their developing imaginations. They hardly need more of this content on the way to or from their tax-funded sex lessons in the classroom.

What's more, there's the question of overload. With

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• Game of Thrones returns to HBO Canada on Sunday, April 12, at 9 p.m. ET.

sex scenes, public nudity and crass innuendo shoved down our throats at every turn, it's increasingly hard to make the real thing alluringly mysterious — not to mention dirty, which is an essential component of a satisfying sex life according to experts (well, according to Woody Allen who stipulated that sex is only dirty "if you're doing it right," though perhaps he's not the ideal role model to quote in this context).

The point is, nobody, of any age, needs to be subjected to "fleshy fare" on our transit systems.

Finally, I hope we don't need to add that indulging on public transit in the activity that usually accompanies porn-watching would breach every rule of etiquette known to personkind.

**Need advice? Email Ellen at [life@metronews.ca](mailto:life@metronews.ca)**

TV MOVIE

## Unclassy spoiler could ruin Lifetime fun for everyone

The fate of what could be the best Lifetime TV movie ever, featuring Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig, is unclear after the project's planned secrecy was spoiled.

The former Saturday Night Live stars made the ominously titled A Deadly Adoption, playing a couple who befriend a pregnant woman in hopes of adopting her child. Lifetime's movies, frequently melodramas about life and love that appeal to the network's primarily female audience, are a genre onto themselves and often ripe for parody.

"We are disappointed that our secret project with Will and Kristen was leaked and the network is determining the fate of the movie," said Michael Feeney, spokesman for Lifetime's corporate parent, A&E Networks, on Friday.

A spokesman for the actors' talent agency had no immediate comment on Lifetime's plans.

After word of the project got out, Ferrell issued a statement that he and Wiig had decided it was "in the best interest for everyone to forego the project entirely." Lifetime had said the movie was due to air this summer.

Ferrell's statement may be an



A Lifetime spokesman says the network is deciding what to do with its Will Ferrell and Kristen Wiig movie. GETTY IMAGES

empty threat: Stars generally don't have the ability to kill an filmed project, except in the unusual circumstance where they fully financed the production, said Jonathan Handel, an entertainment attorney for the Hollywood firm TroyGould. Even then, they could face a breach of contract lawsuit if the film had already been leased to a television network. In most cases, TV movies are financed jointly by a production company and the network itself, Handel said.

It has been a tumultuous

professional week for Ferrell, whose Get Hard movie with Kevin Hart is currently in theatres. On Tuesday, Ferrell's agent Jason Heyman was part of a high-profile group of agents who defected from the Creative Artists Agency to another group, the United Talent Agency. Ferrell stuck with Heyman, switching his representation to UTA. A day later, the Hollywood Reporter wrote an anonymously sourced story about A Deadly Adoption, previously a closely guarded secret. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Herd pushed to Game 7

### QMJHL PLAYOFFS

**Cats scratch out four goals in third period to even series**

**6** CATS **1** HERD



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
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The Halifax Mooseheads are heading to a seventh game against the Shawinigan Cataractes.

The Moose dropped a rough 6-1 decision to the Cats in a heated road game Sunday evening, allowing four goals in the third period — including three on the penalty kill — to lose their chance of advancing to the second round of the QMJHL playoffs.

Instead, it'll be do-or-die for both teams when they hit the ice Tuesday night, again at the Gervais Auto Centre in Shawinigan.

Giovanni Fiore of Shawinigan opened up the scoring at 1:23 in the first, with Anthony Beauvillier making it 2-0 within the first five minutes of the game.

Halifax captain Ryan Falkenham answered on a power play early in the second, tipping in a shot from Philippe Gadoury to narrow the gap to 2-1.



**Halifax Mooseheads centre Danny Moynihan looks for to make a pass against the Shawinigan Cataractes during Game 6 of their playoff series on Sunday evening.** SAMUEL DURANCEAU-CLOUTIER/TC MEDIA

"When you go into the third one goal behind ... you're not in a bad situation," Mooseheads head coach Dominique Ducharme said, but "then we had a penalty, and they scored, and from there we got a bunch of penalties."

The final 20 minutes were certainly tense for Halifax. Nikolaj Ehlers drew penalties for spearing, unsportsmanlike conduct and a game misconduct for abuse of officials,

**“It has been a battle since Game 1.”**  
Dominique Ducharme

while Brandon Vuic received a match penalty for attempt to injure, which means a suspension.

Gabriel Slight scored Shawinigan's first power-play

goal at 4:42 in the third. Fiore scored his second of the night at even strength at 7:21, with Slight adding another with the man advantage at 11:18 for the 5-1 lead.

Ducharme took out goaltender Eric Brassard, who made 30 saves, and put in rookie netminder Kevin Resop, who turned away eight shots in the final 8-1/2 minutes.

"I wanted to rest Eric. It's been a long series and it takes a

lot of energy," Ducharme said. "And at the same time, give Kevin some playing time."

Dylan Labbe capped the scoring at 14:10, scoring past Resop. "I don't look at the scoreboard," Ducharme said. "A loss is a loss."

His Herd are already focused on Tuesday's final game of the first-round series.

"We have a chance to win the game, and win the playoff round."

### WOMEN'S HOCKEY

## Silver lining for Saulnier

Halifax forward Jillian Saulnier settled for silver at the women's world hockey championship in Malmo, Sweden.

Canada fell 7-5 to the United States in the gold-medal game Saturday, after shutting out Finland 3-0 in semifinal action.

Canada won two preliminary games and lost one, dropping a 4-2 decision to the U.S. to start the tournament.

Saulnier, making her world championship debut, notched an assist in a 6-2 preliminary win over Finland.

She is the first Nova Scotian to represent Canada at women's worlds. METRO

### NBL CANADA

## Rainmen await final foes

The Halifax Rainmen are still waiting to find out the identity of their opponent in the NBL Canada championship.

The Rainmen beat the Island Storm 4-1 in the Atlantic Division final, but the Central Division series between the Brampton A's and defending champions the Windsor Express continues.

Brampton leads the series 3-1, with Game 4 set for Tuesday night in Windsor. The series will be decided by April 12. METRO

### CURLING

## Canada regains mojo to salvage bronze

Canada lead Nolan Thiessen remembers how it felt to make the long journey home from last year's world men's curling championship after missing the podium.

He didn't want a repeat performance this year. Skip Pat Simmons and the rest of the Canadian team made sure they got some hardware this time around.

Canada bounced back from an ugly semifinal loss to beat Finland's Aku Kauste 8-4 in the bronze-medal game Sunday morning in Halifax.

"We wanted to be playing (for gold) this afternoon," Thiessen said. "So it still stings from last night. But you don't want to go home empty-handed. Last year, we stood out there at the closing ceremonies while everybody else walked up on the podium. That's the biggest kick in the head there is."

"We found a way and we

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Attendance was 4,812 for the final and 56,837 for the week. The Scotiabank Centre holds 10,500 for curling.

medalled and we can be proud of that."

The Canadians posted a 10-1 round-robin record before falling to 2014 champion Thomas Ulsrud of Norway in the Page playoff 1-2 game on Friday. They followed that defeat with their worst showing of

the tournament in a loss to Sweden's Niklas Edin on Saturday night.

Edin went on to defeat Ulsrud 9-5 in the gold-medal game Sunday afternoon for his second world title in three years. The Swedish rink had a mediocre start to the tournament but finished strong.

"We focused on our game strategy, opening up the ice, and we picked it up so that we could make the playoffs," Edin said.

"And we felt really strong going into the playoffs and obviously we didn't make many mistakes there."

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**Team Canada skip Pat Simmons, right, and third John Morris discuss a shot during the bronze-medal game on Sunday at the Scotiabank Centre.** ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



## IN BRIEF

## Foreurs 9, Huskies 2

The Val-d'Or Foreurs sent a message to the rest of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, advancing to the next round of the playoffs with a convincing Game 6 win on Sunday.

Nicolas Aube-Kubel scored a hat trick and added an assist as Val-d'Or routed the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies 9-2 to capture its first-round, best-of-seven series, 4-2.

## Olympiques 4, Armada 1

Joey Richard and Valentin Zykov had a goal and assist each as the Olympiques won their first-round playoff series over Blainville-Boisbriand 4-2.

Elie Berube and Alex Breton also chipped in for Gatineau.

Danick Martel answered in the third period for the Armada.

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## Padres sneak in one last big trade before opener

The San Diego Padres couldn't start the season without yet another blockbuster deal by first-year general manager A.J. Preller.

Preller pushed ahead with his remarkable makeover of the Padres on Sunday when he acquired All-Star closer Craig Kimbrel and outfielder Melvin Upton from the Atlanta Braves for outfielders Carlos Quentin and Cameron Maybin, plus two minor leaguers and a draft pick.

While Upton will be reunited with his younger brother, Padres left fielder Justin Upton, this deal centred around Kimbrel, whom Preller called "an A-level performer."

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# Sens leave point in T.O.

NHL

## Ottawa falls to Leafs, is losing control of playoff destiny

No fans of easy endings, the Ottawa Senators' playoff hopes are still alive. Now they need help.

The Senators lost 3-2 to the Toronto Maple Leafs in a shoot-out Sunday night at Air Canada Centre, picking up a valuable point in the process. But by losing they failed to take control of their own playoff future.

With three games left, Ottawa (40-26-13) has 93 points and trails the Detroit Red Wings, Boston Bruins and Pittsburgh Penguins by two. The Senators host the Penguins Tuesday night in Ottawa.

Peter Holland scored the shootout winner for the Leafs (30-43-7), who got 43 saves in regulation and overtime from goaltender Jonathan Bernier. Joffrey Lupul and James van Riemsdyk had regulation goals for Toronto.

Senators captain Erik Karlsson and rookie Mark Stone scored to ensure at least a point. Goaltender Andrew Hammond made 36 saves, including 21 in a tough first period.

The game was the fourth straight to go to overtime for the Senators and fifth in the past six matchups. A second point would have been especially important because it would have put them in the driver's seat to make the playoffs.

With some motivation to spoil the Senators' playoff hopes, the Leafs came out flying. Lupul opened the scoring at 3:10 of the first period when he corralled the puck in front of Hammond and slid a shot



The Senators' Kyle Turris collides with the Leafs' Jonathan Bernier on Sunday night in Toronto. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### IN TORONTO Sunday

3	2
LEAFS	SENATORS

past him.

The Senators had some chances, including a two-on-one rush, but Toronto controlled the play and finished with a season-high in shots for a period with 22 to Ottawa's 12.

It was all Ottawa for the majority of the second. Nine seconds into a power play, Karlsson crashed the net from the point to put home a rebound at 7:15 for his 21st goal of the season.

The Leafs didn't have a shot on goal for the first nine minutes of the second, but van Riemsdyk still broke a tie at 12:41. With the teams skating four-on-four, the Senators' defence left van Riemsdyk open, and Peter Holland found him for the go-ahead goal.

Stone tied it at two 1:09 into the third on the power play, firing a one-timer off a pass from Kyle Turris past Bernier. It was the rookie's 22nd goal of the season.

A penalty called when Bobby Ryan touched the puck while sitting on the boards gave Toronto a late power play. But the Senators survived to force overtime.

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### + MORE SCORES

#### Canadiens 4, Panthers 1

Carey Price stopped 24 shots to pick up his league-leading 42nd win and the Montreal Canadiens beat the Panthers leaving Florida stranded on 87 points with two games left.

#### Flyers 4, Penguins 1

Steve Mason made 46 saves, and the Flyers scored on 3 of 4 power-play opportunities to defeat Pittsburgh.

The Penguins (42-26-11, 95 points) have dropped

10 of their last 13 games and suddenly face the prospect of playing for a post-season spot Tuesday in Ottawa.

#### Capitals 2, Red Wings 1

Mike Green had a goal and an assist, and the Washington Capitals beat Detroit, putting the Red Wings in an anxious spot.

Detroit is trying to reach the playoffs for the 24th straight season, remained tied with Boston for third place in the Atlantic Division. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Gnocchi is a mouth-watering pasta made from potatoes not flour. It's a great side dish or entrée.

### Directions

**1.** Bring pot of water to boil. Add gnocchi and boil just until gnocchi is tender, about 5 minutes.

**2.** Meanwhile puree parsley, feta, garlic, pepper, oil and water in a small food processor until smooth. Add more water if too thick.

**3.** Pour over top gnocchi and garnish with toasted almonds.

### Ingredients

- 350 gm potato gnocchi – (about 1 ½ cup uncooked)
- ¼ cup flat leaf parsley leaves
- 1/3 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1 small garlic clove
- Dash of coarse black pepper
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp water
- ¼ cup sliced toasted almonds

### Nutrition per serving

- Calories 287
- Carbohydrates 31g
- Fibre 1.6g
- Protein 7.6g
- Fat 15.5g
- Saturated Fat 2.7g
- Cholesterol 3.3mg
- Sodium 554mg

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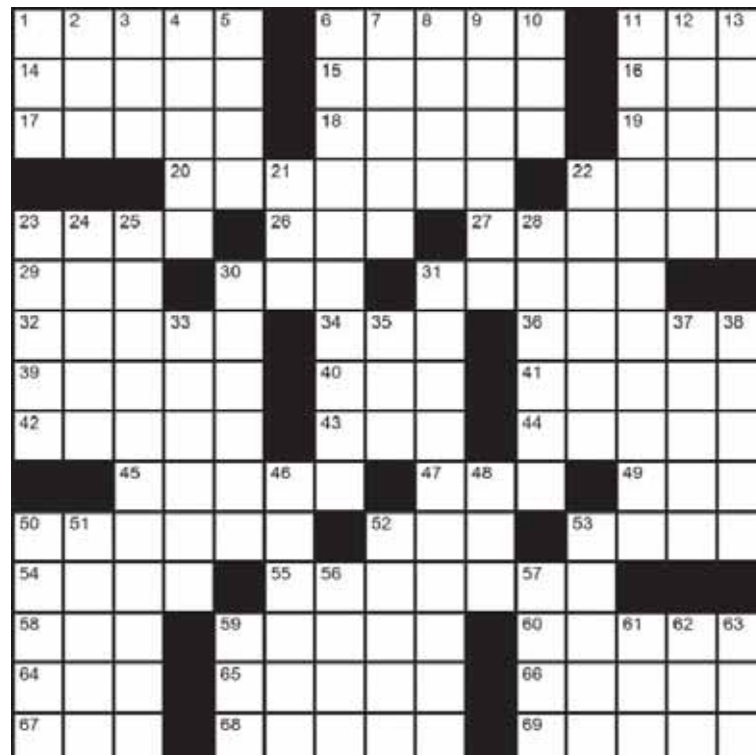
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### ACROSS

- Springtime's chocolate star
- Fisherman's count
- US health-related agcy.
- Prefix relating to 'Bones'
- Additional
- Cleaning cloth
- "My guess would be...": 2 wds.
- Sea swallows
- Ms. Gabor
- "Jesus Christ Superstar" (1973) character, \_\_ Pilate
- Modify
- Thompson Twins tune
- Long time
- Flowery
- Wood sorrel
- Triumphed
- Easter basket's fake fluff
- Seed's outer layer of protection
- Spiritual 'way'
- Badlands formation
- Ballet outfits
- Year: Spanish
- Grizzlies
- Classical Music: Canadian \_\_ Company
- Polit. designation
- Manner of speaking
- Aussie actress Ms. Wilson
- "\_\_ chance!"
- Pathway [abbr.]
- Reveal, as a portrait painting
- \_\_ Lanka
- Discounted
- Wreck
- Spiny ant-eating mammal that looks like a hedgehog
- Beatles: "\_\_\_ Follow the Sun"
- Egg-shaped
- Make amends



trait painting

52. \_\_ Lanka
53. Discounted
54. Wreck
55. Spiny ant-eating mammal that looks like a hedgehog
58. Beatles: "\_\_\_ Follow the Sun"
59. Egg-shaped
60. Make amends

64. Beatles: "\_\_\_ You Need Is Love"
65. Ms. Messing
66. Blood of ancient Greek gods
67. Gardening tool
68. Laud to the heavens
69. US state, \_\_ Island

### DOWN

1. Avril Lavigne's "Sk8er \_\_"
2. Amer. currency
3. Days opp.
4. Types of tides
5. Retro toy
6. "Here Comes Peter \_\_" (TV special of 1971)

7. Didn't go to the restaurant after all: 2 wds.
8. Drive-\_\_ (Fast food service)
9. Use the 'bleep' button as a TV show employee
10. Clock's li'l time segments
11. Judy Garland's

- co-star in "Easter Parade" (1948): 2 wds.
- Lifeboat lowering crane
- Quartz variety
- Paleo opposite
- Happened as a result
- Game of chance for a chance to win millions
- Get frosty: 2 wds.
- Community in Manitoba that #6-Down would like!
- \_\_ Lake (Saskatchewan village northwest of Saskatoon)
- Sushi condiment
- Pre-Egg Hunt day holiday: 2 wds.
- Stew dish
- Ms. Jillian
- Horse speeds
- Namesakes of Carlisle Cullen's wife in 'Twilight' movies
- Onze: English
- Assistance
- British band, \_\_ Heap
- Void, in Venice
- Avoid duties
- Gate fastener
- Corny places
- Depilatory brand
- Lyric poem
- "Well, now!"
- Assenting sign
- Earlier than now, in verse

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**♈ Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Your confidence is at an all-time high. Your capabilities may be immense but make sure you focus on aims that are worth investing your time and energy in.

**♉ Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
The less others know about your aims and ambitions this week the better, especially if you are working towards a goal that is likely to make others jealous if you succeed – and you will.

**♊ Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Take the initiative in group and social activities over the next 24 hours. Not only will you be immensely popular but you will also meet people who transform your outlook on life.

**♋ Cancer** June 22 - July 23

If you want to impress employers and other important people then now is the time. Don't hide yourself away: show them – and the world in general – what you are capable of.

**♌ Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
With the Sun and Uranus very much on your side there is nothing you cannot do and nothing you cannot possess. But try not to be too domineering or you could make an enemy of someone that would make a more sensible friend.

**♍ Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Look in the mirror and be honest about what you see. If you can do that today then you will put yourself at an advantage when dealing with people who are not so honest about their own faults and failings.

**♎ Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Don't do what other people expect you to do – do what appeals to you, for whatever reason. If you let partners and colleagues dictate terms they will, and you can be sure they won't be as favourable.

**♏ Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
The planets warn you are working too hard and need to change your attitude to your chores, duties and responsibilities. The fact is you will be no good to anyone if you work yourself into the ground. Lighten up.

**♐ Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Start something new and don't worry too much about planning ahead. Today's cosmic influences urge you to think and act as if you cannot possibly fail – and you won't.

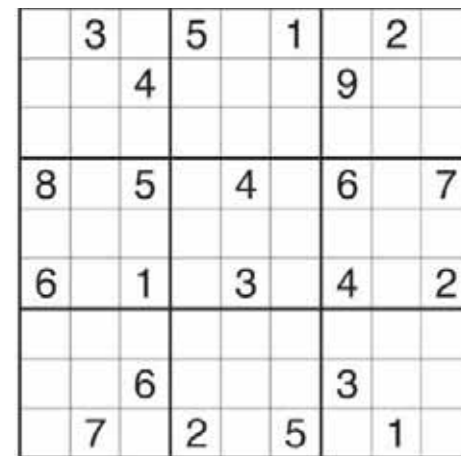
**♑ Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You will have to deal with some annoying people today but getting angry won't make things any easier. Yes, of course, it's a pain when others act slowly or stupidly but not everyone can be as switched on as you.

**♒ Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
You are in one of your generous moods at the moment, but make sure it is only those who deserve your largesse who get it. Hangers-on will happily enjoy themselves at your expense.

**♓ Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You don't have to ask permission to make the changes you need but you do have to accept that not everyone will be happy with them.

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